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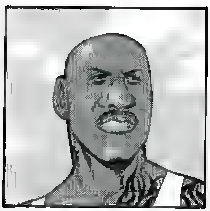
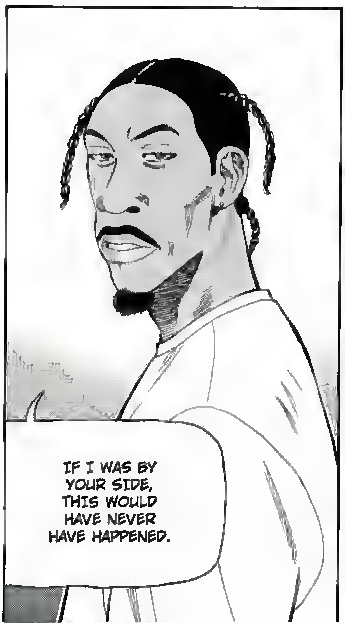
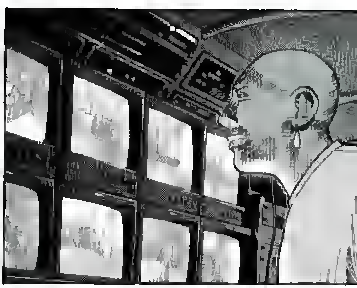
HOLLYWOOD




IF I WAS BY YOUR SIDE, THIS WOULD HAVE NEVER HAVE HAPPENED.



EVEN WITH 3 BODYGUARDS THIS WAS A BIG FAILURE.

WE KNOW WHO'S BEHIND IT...
SOME GUYS FROM NEW YORK ARE RESENTFUL OF YOUR RECENT ACTIVITIES AND DID IT OUT OF JEALOUSY.
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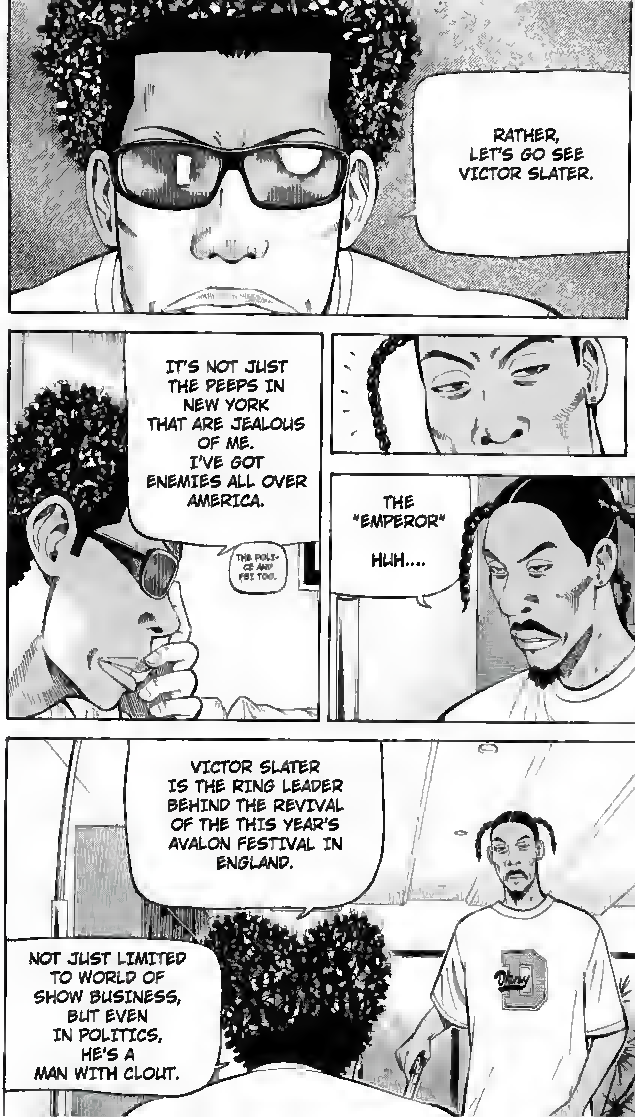
WE'LL BUST INTO THEIR PLACE AND CAP 2 OR 3 ARTISTS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM.
HMM, WAIT. IF WE HAVE AN ALL OUT WAR, THE MEDIA WILL GO INTO A FRENZY.


RATHER, LET'S GO SEE VICTOR SLATER.
IT'S NOT JUST THE PEEPS IN NEW YORK THAT ARE JEALOUS OF ME. I'VE GOT ENEMIES ALL OVER AMERICA.
THE POLICE AND FBI TOO.
THE "EMPEROR" HUH....
VICTOR SLATER IS THE RING LEADER BEHIND THE REVIVAL OF THE THIS YEAR'S AVALON FESTIVAL IN ENGLAND.
NOT JUST LIMITED TO WORLD OF SHOW BUSINESS, BUT EVEN IN POLITICS, HE'S A MAN WITH CLOUT.

IF I CAN JOIN FORCES WITH HIM, MY POWER WILL BE INVULNERABLE.
THOUGH I HAVEN'T ANYTHING BUT DANGEROUS RUMORS...
UNMISTAKABLY, I'LL HAVE THE TOUGHEST CONNECTIONS THEN
AFTER THAT, I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING TARGETED BY THE SMALL FRIES.
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LIVERPOOL
TONIGHT!
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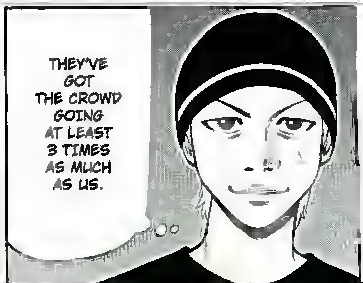
THEY'VE GOT THE CROWD GOING AT LEAST 3 TIMES AS MUCH AS US.

Are you ok ?
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YOU LOOK UNDER THE WEATHER.
Y-YES...

H-WHAT A PECULIAR AMBIANCE THIS GIRL HAS ...
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THE LAST SONG... THAT WAS A COVER RIGHT?
LAST SONG ...
AH! "ALL ALONG THE WATCHTOWER" RIGHT.
THE AUDIENCE DIDN'T TAKE TO IT AT ALL THOUGH.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO COVER A MORE FAMOUS SONG?
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I WANTED TO DO A DIFFERENT SONG, BUT RYUUSUKE-KUN SAID ...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED I HAVE TO SAY IT IN JAPANESE.

THE SONG WE CHOSE WASN'T BAD. IT'S JUST THE ARRANGEMENT WAS NOT SO GOOD.

WE WON'T DO IT AT AVALON.
REALLY! .... WE PREPARED IT JUST FOR THIS TOUR, AND PEOPLE AREN'T LIKING IT AT ALL.

YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO PERFORM?
AVALON FESTIVAL?

IT'S STILL A SECRET, BUT AT THE WORLD MUSIC TENT.
THE SPONSORS CONFUSED IT WITH ETHNIC MUSIC AND BOOKED IT THERE.

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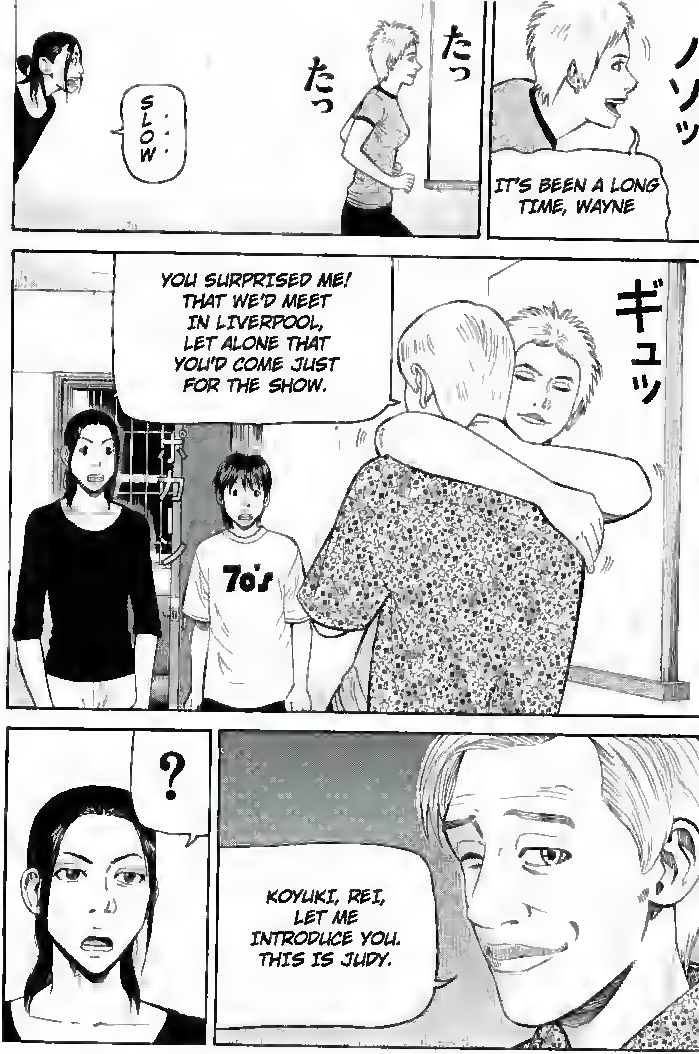
I WONDER IF THAT'S THE TRUTH
HEY! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GIRL?
HER WAY OF TALKING IS SLOW, AND SHE GIVES OF A WEIRD VIBE... IS SHE A LARRY?
I-I DON'T REALLY KNOW, BUT I DON'T THINK SHE'S A BAD PERSON.
JUDY !!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IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, WAYNE
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YOU SURPRISED ME! THAT WE'D MEET IN LIVERPOOL, LET ALONE THAT YOU'D COME JUST FOR THE SHOW.
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KOYUKI, REI, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU. THIS IS JUDY.

THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THE AVALON FESTIVAL ORIGINATOR, BREE RILEY.
IN PLACE OF HER FATHER WHO DIED TWO YEARS AGO, SHE'S THE ONE WHO'S DIVVYING UP THE FESTIVAL.
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THOSE GUYS WERE RATHER SCARED.
THAT THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PERFORM AT AVALON ANY MORE.
HOW WAS THEIR SHOW TODAY?
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I'LL BE HONEST.
THEY DIDN'T MEET MY EXPECTATIONS.

THEIR SHOW IN LONDON WAS UNPRECEDENTEDLY GOOD FOR A BAND FROM JAPAN.
NO-NO, THEY WEREN'T IN FULL SPIRIT TODAY.
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THE TRUTH IS I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
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"FOR A BAND FROM JAPAN"... I HAD GIVEN THEM A HIGH ESTIMATION THAT THEY WOULDN'T NEED FOOTNOTES LIKE THAT AND I HAD CONFIDENCE THAT THEY WOULD BECOME A HUGELY POPULAR BAND.
PERHAPS THEIR SHOWS ARE UNSTABLE.

IF THE WORST CASE SCENARIO EXISTS...
THEN INEVITABLY THE GREATEST SCENARIO ALSO EXISTS.
BECAUSE RATHER THAN CALLING THEM ENTERTAINERS, THEY'RE A BAND THAT ROCK OUT THE AUDIENCE.
DO YOU FOLLOW?
DON'T SAY THAT!
IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE THEM, LET'S CANCEL THEIR PERFORMANCE.

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NO,
THAT'S NOT IT
WAYNE.
I'M NOTHING BUT A
"SYMBOL"
OF COURSE
FOR THE LARGER STAGES,
BUT EVEN THE LITTLE ONES,
I DON'T HAVE ANY
SATISFACTORY POWER.
I WAS BARELY
ABLE TO TO
SNEAKING A BAND
I'M INTERESTED
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WORLD MUSIC STAGE
IN SHORT,
THE PERSON
WHO REALLY HAS
THE POWER IS?
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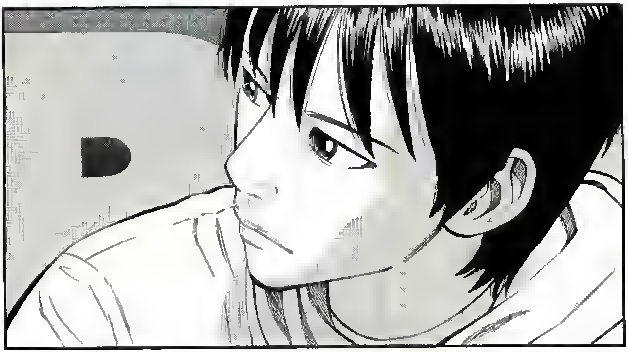
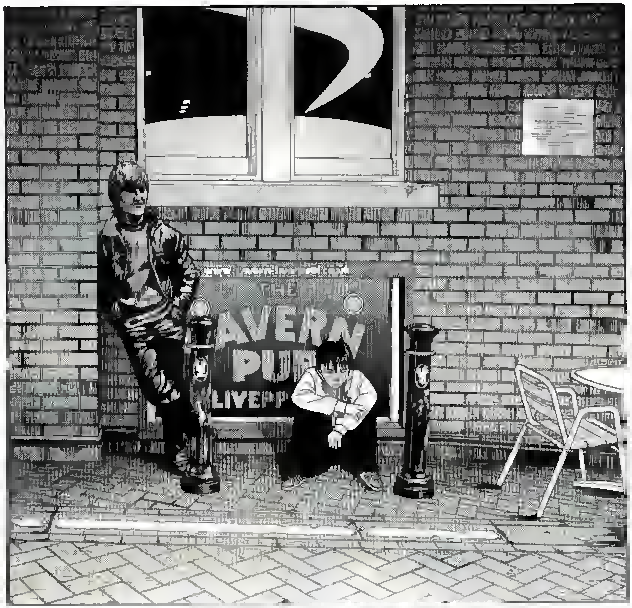
VICTOR SLATER!

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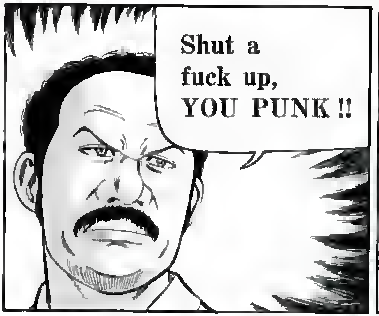
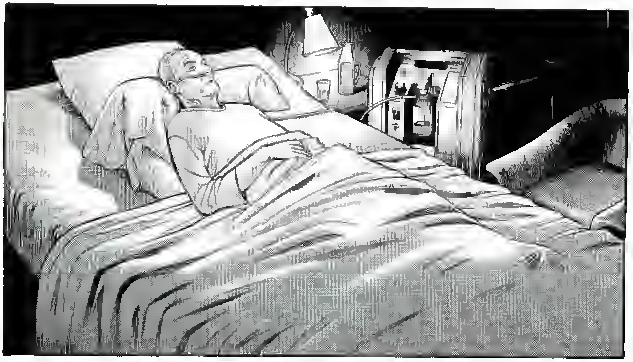
HOW MANY TIMES DO THEY WANT TO DO IT BETWEEN THE PARKING LOT AND THE ENTRANCE?

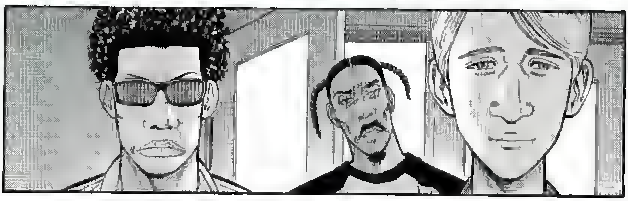
ANOTHER BODY CHECK?

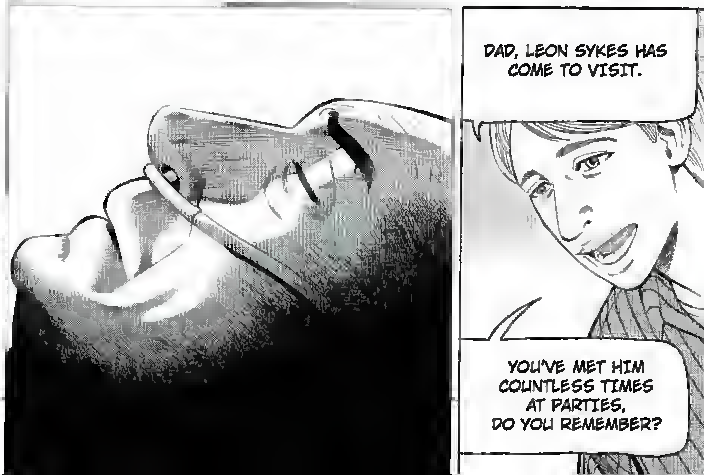

Shut a fuck up, YOU PUNK !!

THEY'RE LOOKING DOWN ON US.
DOGGIE, JUST OBEY THEM.

KENNETH.
WELCOME LEON!
SORRY IF IT UPSET YOU. THEY'RE RULES MY DAD MADE.
HONESTLY, I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE HIM MEET WITH ANYONE, BUT
SINCE YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TODAY JUST FOR THIS.
THE TRUTH IS HE HASN'T BEEN WELL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS
HOW IS MR. VICTOR SLATER'S CONDITION.
HOWEVER, THIS REALLY IS AN AMAZING PAD.






DAD, LEON SYKES HAS COME TO VISIT.
YOU'VE MET HIM COUNTLESS TIMES AT PARTIES, DO YOU REMEMBER?

MR. SLATER, I'M SORRY FOR INTRUDING ON YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN.
IT'S AN HONOR TO SEE YOU.
YOU'RE A MAN WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE ON THE FOREFRONT OF SHOW BUSINESS FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS WORTHY OF RESPECT
I WANT TO REQUEST MORE COOPERATION FROM REGARDING THE AVALON FESTIVAL ....
IT'S ALRIGHT, MY FATHER CAN HERE YOU.

WHILE I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS, BUT THE WAY IT IS NOW, IT'S THE LOCAL FESTIVAL OF A SMALL COUNTRY.
IF IT DOESN'T APPEAL TO THE WHOLE WORLD, WHICH IS CENTERED AROUND AMERICA, THE REVIVAL IS MEANINGLESS.
IT NEEDS TO EVOLVE EVERY FACET INTO THE LARGEST SCALE FESTIVAL IN HISTORY.
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OF COURSE, THE GREATEST PROPOSITION IS TO MAKE MORE MONEY THAN ANYONE ELSE.
MY ARTISTS AREN'T UNWILLING AS WELL.
DAD, EVEN THOUGH LEON WAS SHOT AT YESTERDAY, HE CAME TO VISIT YOU.

THE PEOPLE WHO EXCEL IN THIS WORLD.... MAKE MANY ENEMIES.
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CERTAINLY, THERE ISN'T ANY OTHER MAN WHO'S CONQUERED THE BUSINESS AS MUCH AS LEON HAS.

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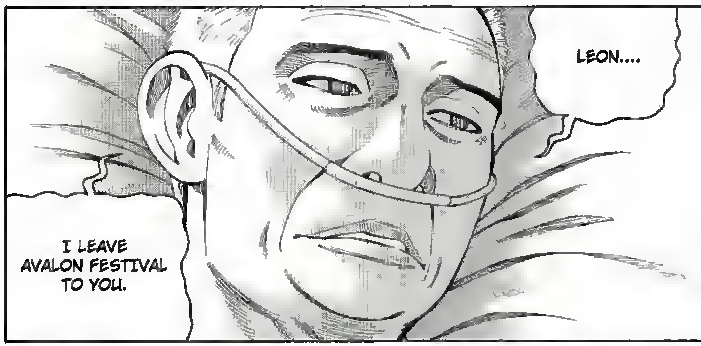
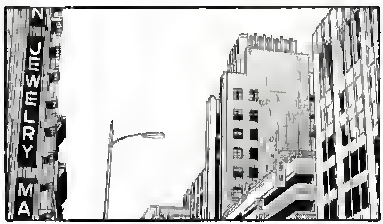

LEON....
I LEAVE AVALON FESTIVAL TO YOU.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THAT WAS A GROSS ROOM FILLED WITH THE STENCH OF AN OLD MAN.
HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
FURTHERMORE, HIS SUCCESSOR ..... IS A TYPICAL DUMBASS KID.
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THE MAN ONCE FEARED AS "EMPEROR" IS ALSO A HELPLESS CREATURE.
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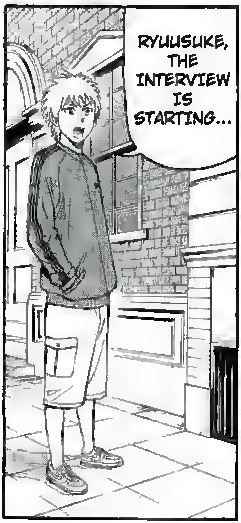
NO, THE MAN WHO WILL BE THE SUCCESSOR ISN'T HIM....
I WILL BE THE ONE TO INHERIT VICTOR SLATER'S EMPIRE.

MANCHESTER
HIGH STREET
ARNDALE CENTRE
CAR PARK


RYUUSUKE, THE INTERVIEW IS STARTING...

THEY CAN'T HANDLE A GUN

"THE CAN'T HANDLE A GUN"... HUH?
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MEANING IT'LL BE A FUNNY PROJECT.
I'D LIKE YOU TO COMPETE IN DRINKING, EATING, AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
JUST A MINUTE!!
THE TITLE WILL BE "ROOM 13 VS. MONGOLIAN CHOP SQUAD".
IT'S A POPULAR SERIES AMONGST NEWBIES.
THEY'RE NERVOUS ABOUT CASUAL PUBLICITY HUH.
IT'S A PROJECT THAT ROOM 13 WOULD NEVER DO IN JAPAN.

IF IT'S A COMPETITION, THEN WITHOUT ALL THIS PAIN IN THE ASS STUFF,
A DIRECT BATTLE OF FISTS IS BETTER RIGHT?
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W-WHAT AN AMAZING TURN OF EVENTS....
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YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF THIS POSTURE DON'T YOU.
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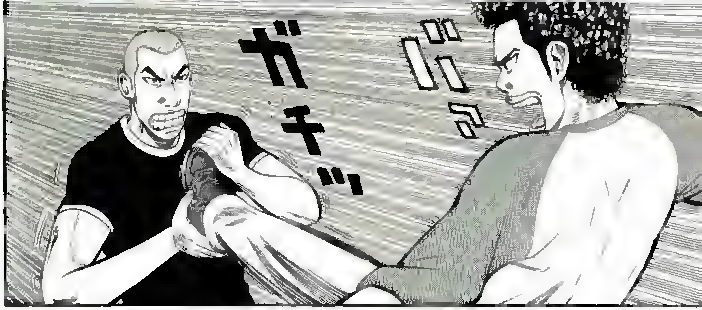
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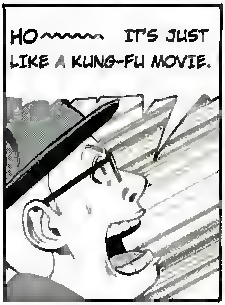
HO~~~~ IT'S JUST LIKE A KUNG-FU MOVIE.

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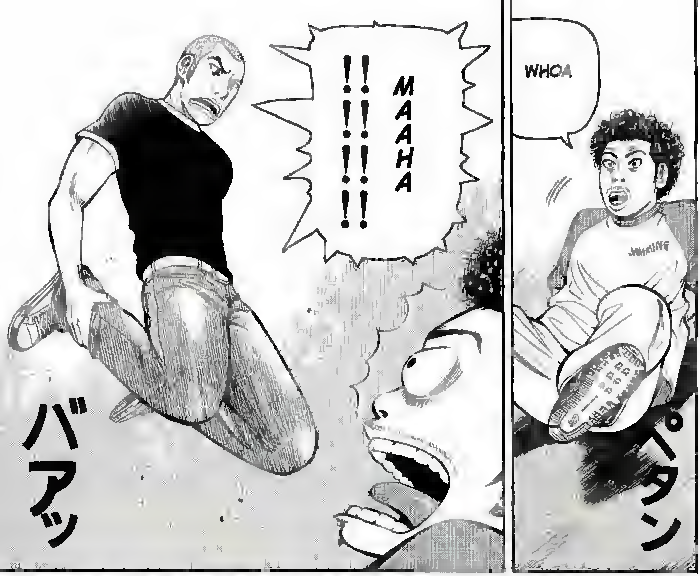
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I-ISN'T IT KIND OF WEIRD?
THIS IS A PERFOR-MANCE ISN'T IT.

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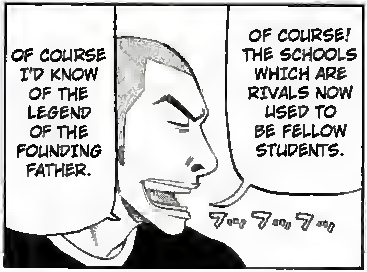
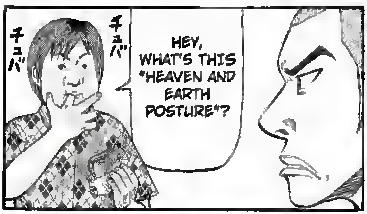
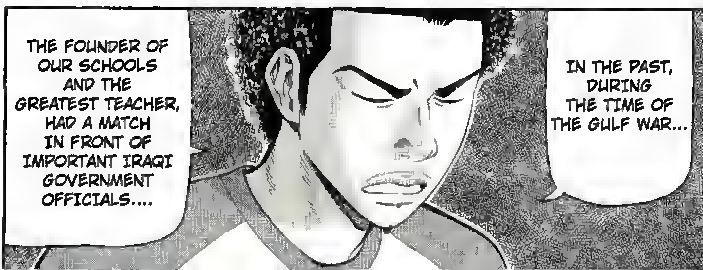

OF COURSE I'D KNOW OF THE LEGEND OF THE FOUNDING FATHER.
OF COURSE! THE SCHOOLS WHICH ARE RIVALS NOW USED TO BE FELLOW STUDENTS.

YOU UNDERSTOOD THE "HEAVEN AND EARTH POSTURE" DIDN'T YA?


HEY, WHAT'S THIS "HEAVEN AND EARTH POSTURE"?


THE FOUNDER OF OUR SCHOOLS AND THE GREATEST TEACHER, HAD A MATCH IN FRONT OF IMPORTANT IRAQI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS....
IN THE PAST, DURING THE TIME OF THE GULF WAR...

THEIR OFFENSE AND DEFENSE WAS A SHOW OF ART WHICH THEY BOTH CONTRIBUTED TOGETHER, WHICH WOULD HAVE PUT EVEN A HONG KONG MOVIE TO SHAME.
THAT WASN'T A "SHOOT", BUT RATHER "WORK".
IT'S A FAMOUS STORY IN THE KARATE WORLD!
THE POSTURE THE FOUNDER USED THAT TIME WAS ALMOST LIKE ACTUAL FIGHTING AND CALLED IT THE "HEAVEN AND EARTH POSTURE".
THEY SAY THE RESULT WAS THAT THEY PLAYED A ROLE IN THE RELEASE OF JAPANESE PRISONERS.
THEY LEFT A HUGE IMPRESSION ON THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE, WHO HAD NEVER SEEN KARATE BEFORE.
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HE WAS FURIOUS THAT THE STORY WAS EMPTY.
THE REPORTER LEFT RATHER EXCITED.
SO GENERALLY SPEAKING, THAT'S THE HISTORY OF THEIR SCHOOLS.

WHEN DID THEY START SMILING LIKE THAT...
DRINK THIS.
HEY.

SHINGO.
IF IT'S OK, LET'S EXCHANGE TS OF OUR BANDS.
IT'LL BE A NICE MEMORY OF THE TOUR.
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO BANDS HAS CERTAINLY GROWN SMALLER
I'LL PASS.
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HE'S A BLUNT GUY, LIKE ALWAYS....

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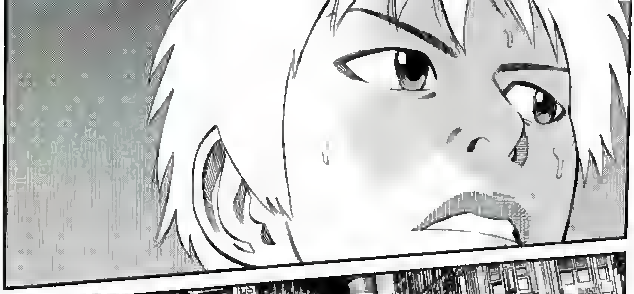

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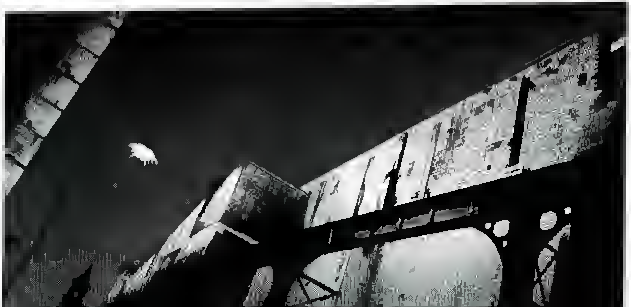

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SOMEHOW WE MANAGED TO FINISH THE TOUR...

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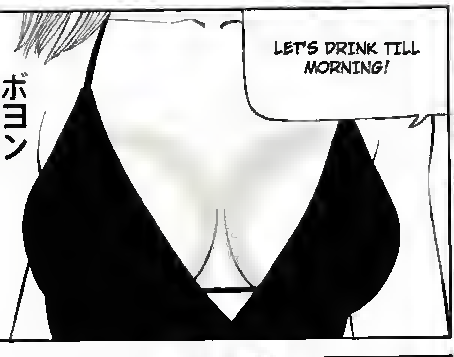
YOU WROTE THE WRONG KANJI. RE IS WRONG, RO IS RIGHT.
"REGARDS, CHIBA WAS HERE"...

OF COURSE, IF THE BAND CAN GET THE SEXIEST AND PRETTIEST GIRLS.
IF YOU COME TO MANCHESTER, WILL YOU BE THE OPENING ACT AGAIN?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LET'S DRINK TILL MORNING!

IT'LL BE LONELY WITHOUT YOU AROUND REI
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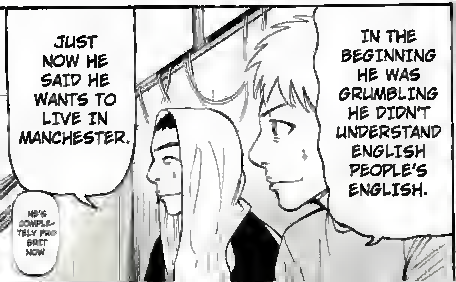
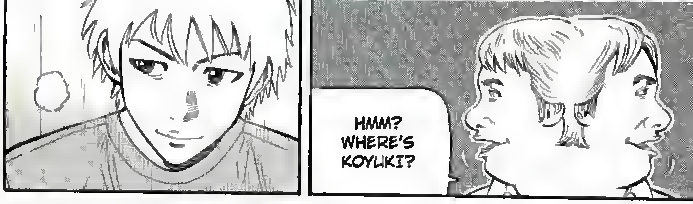
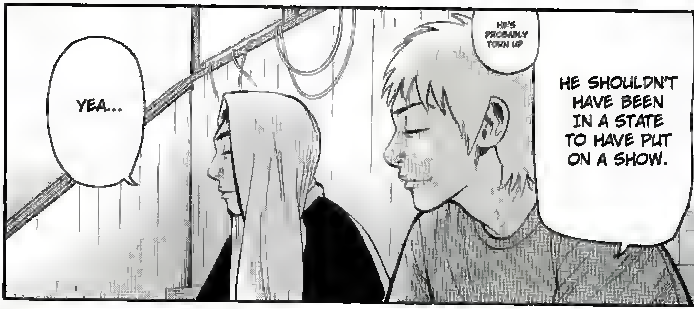

JUST NOW HE SAID HE WANTS TO LIVE IN MANCHESTER.
IN THE BEGINNING HE WAS GRUMBLING HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH PEOPLE'S ENGLISH.
HE'S COMPLETELY PISS DRUNK NOW.


HMM? WHERE'S KOYUKI?


HE'S PROBABLY TUCKED UP
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN A STATE TO HAVE PUT ON A SHOW.
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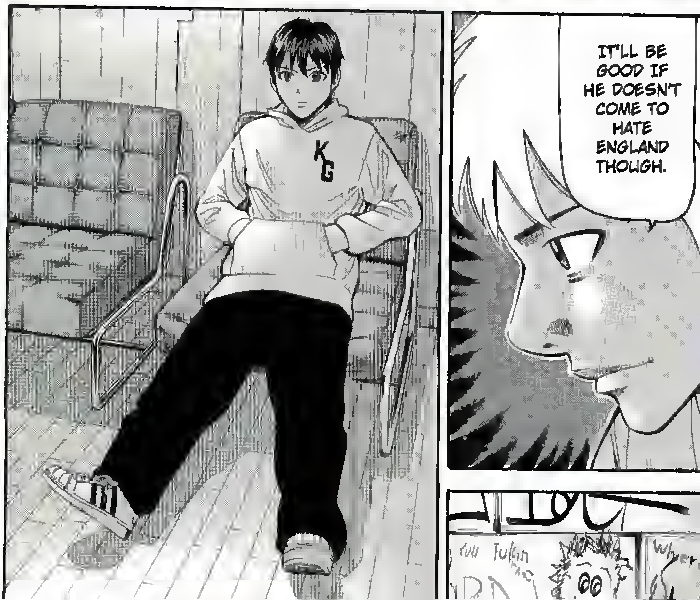
IT'LL BE GOOD IF HE DOESN'T COME TO HATE ENGLAND THOUGH.

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ON MY CD PLEASE!
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ME TOO? ON MY T-SHIRT!
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May I have your autogragh ?
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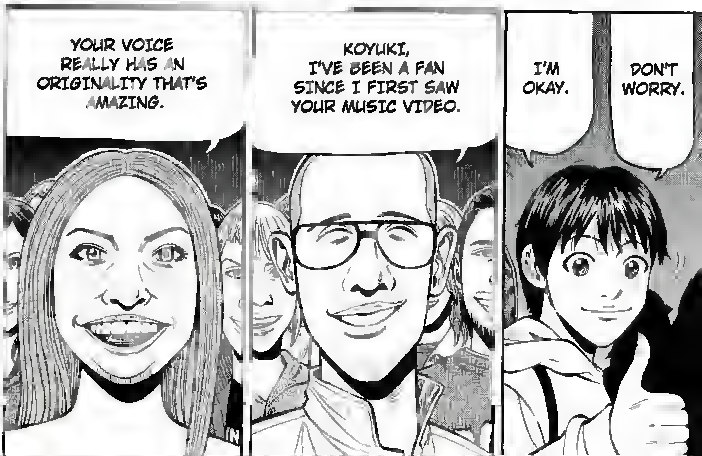
THE GOODS ARE ALL SOLD OUT TOO.
PETER!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU'VE SEEN THIS MANY PEOPLE WAITING TO MEET YOU.
CAN YOU WRITE IT "TO STEVE"
OKAY OKAY.
OH IN KANJI! AWESOME

WOW, THAT'S A ROCK STAR FOR YOU!
KOYUKI, OVER HERE NEXT!

CUZ KOYUKI IS TIRED.
HEY, EVERYONE, LET'S WRAP IT UP NOW.


YOUR VOICE REALLY HAS AN ORIGINALITY THAT'S AMAZING.
KOYUKI, I'VE BEEN A FAN SINCE I FIRST SAW YOUR MUSIC VIDEO.
I'M OKAY.
DON'T WORRY.

DO YOU LIKE THIS COUNTRY KOYUKI?
YES!
VERY MUCH!!
IS HE PLANNING ON SIGNING TILL THE LAST PERSON.
SEEMS LIKE IT.
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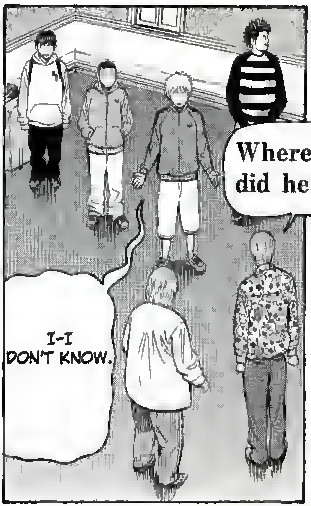
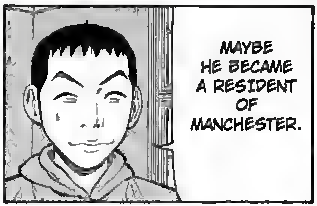
REI DISAPPEARED?
HOTEL REGAL

IF WE DON'T GET TO THE AIRPORT NOW, IT'LL BE BAD.


Where did he go ?
I-I DON'T KNOW.


MAYBE HE BECAME A RESIDENT OF MANCHESTER.

RIGHT HUH.
EVEN IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, LET HIM PAY FOR HIS OWN MISTAKES.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.

SEE YOU AGAIN IN AVALON FESTIVAL!
AVALON FESTIVAL... WILL THEY BE ABLE REALLY PERFORM...
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I DON'T KNOW AT THIS TIME.

HOWEVER, FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE, EVEN IF THEY DO

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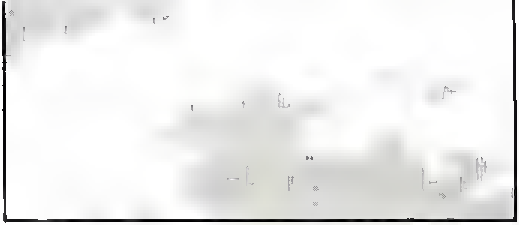
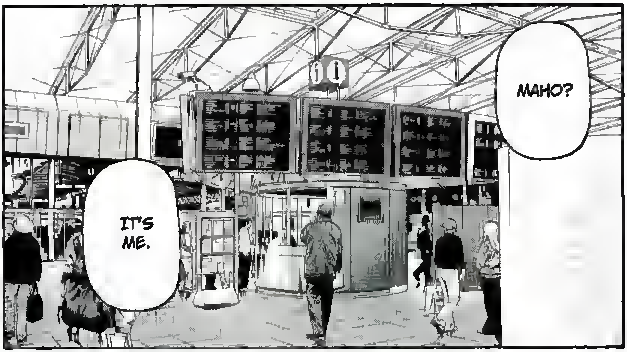
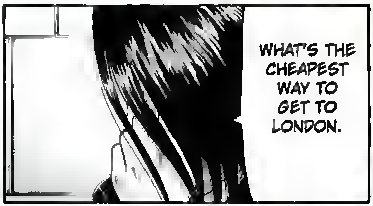
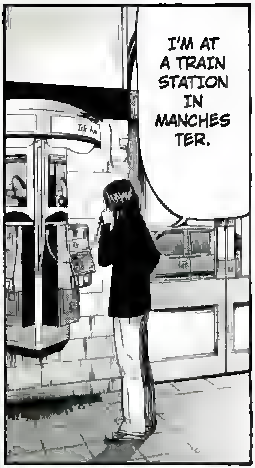
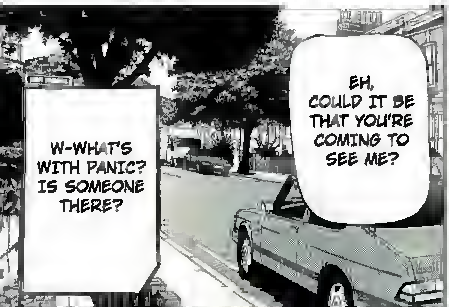
IT'LL PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO LEAVE A STRONG IMPACT.




MAHO?
IT'S ME.

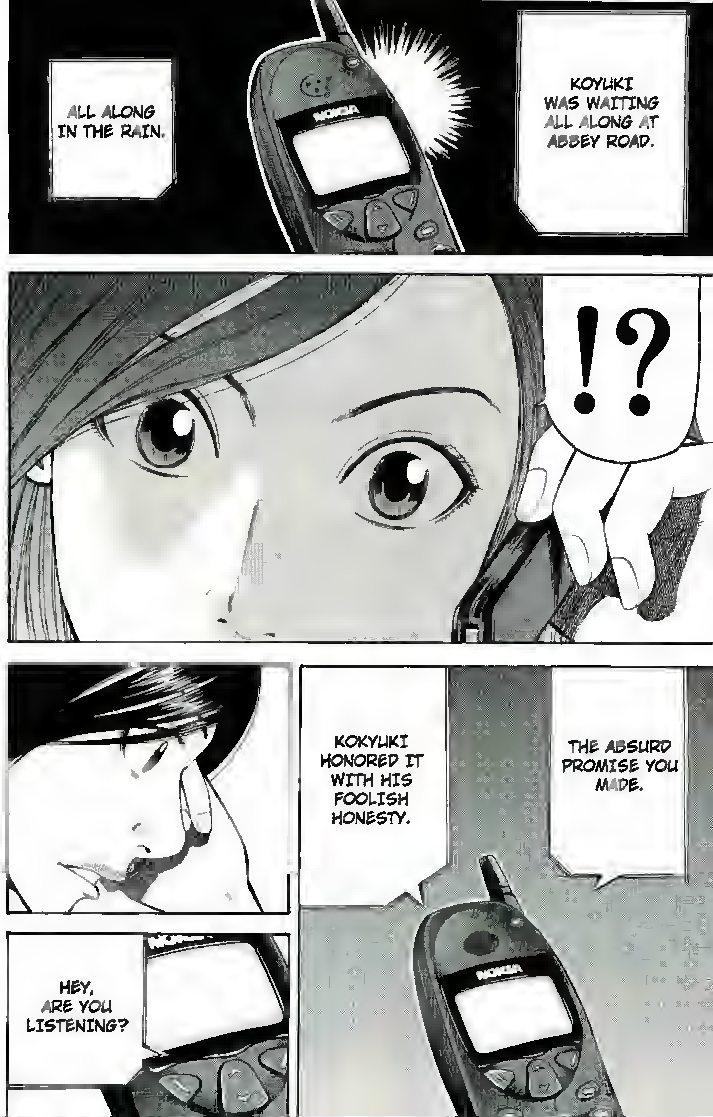

WHAT'S THE CHEAPEST WAY TO GET TO LONDON.


I'M AT A TRAIN STATION IN MANCHES TER.


EH, COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE COMING TO SEE ME?
W-WHAT'S WITH PANIC? IS SOMEONE THERE?

NORMAN.
MY FLATMATE.
AH?
stronger
WHAT'S A FLATMATE.

IN ENGLAND, THEY CALL ROOMATES, FLATMATES.
THEY CALL APARTMENTS, FLATS.
RIGHT NOW, SOME FRIENDS ARE OVER TOO.
...YOU AREN'T ALONE WITH NORMAN?
AS IF.
THEN 3 NIGHTS AGO TOO?
OF COURSE NOT!!
YOU KNOW I'M BUSY...
KUKUKU THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT DAY JUNE 26TH IS?
!?


ALL ALONG IN THE RAIN.
KOYUKI WAS WAITING ALL ALONG AT ABBEY ROAD.
!?
THE ABSURD PROMISE YOU MADE.
KOKYUKI HONORED IT WITH HIS FOOLISH HONESTY.
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING?

BUT, THE REAL QUESTION IS...
I'M GOING TO LEAVE NOW SO CAN YOU LEND ME THE PLANE FAIRE?
YOU'VE GOT YOUR DAD'S CREDIT CARD RIGHT?
THE TRUTH IS I WAS AT A GIRL'S HOUSE AND HER EX CAME IN YELLING.
HE POUNDED ME WHILE RIDING HORSE BACK AND EVEN TOOK MY MONEY*
HE WAS SHOUTING IN SUPER ACCENTED ENGLISH.
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PUUN ??
Hello ?
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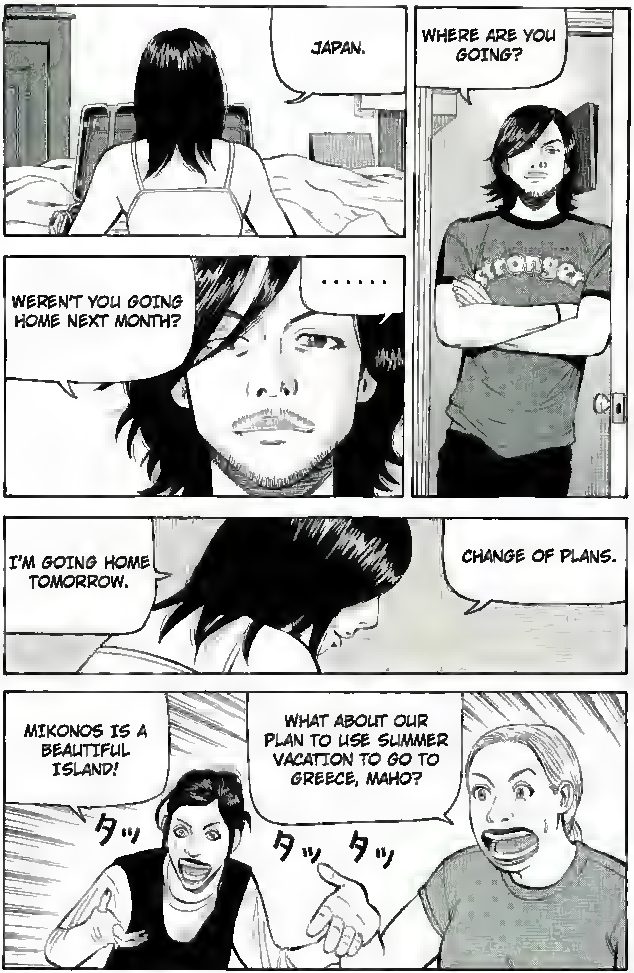
JAPAN.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WEREN'T YOU GOING HOME NEXT MONTH?
.....
I'M GOING HOME TOMORROW.
CHANGE OF PLANS.
MIKONOS IS A BEAUTIFUL ISLAND!
WHAT ABOUT OUR PLAN TO USE SUMMER VACATION TO GO TO GREECE, MAHO?
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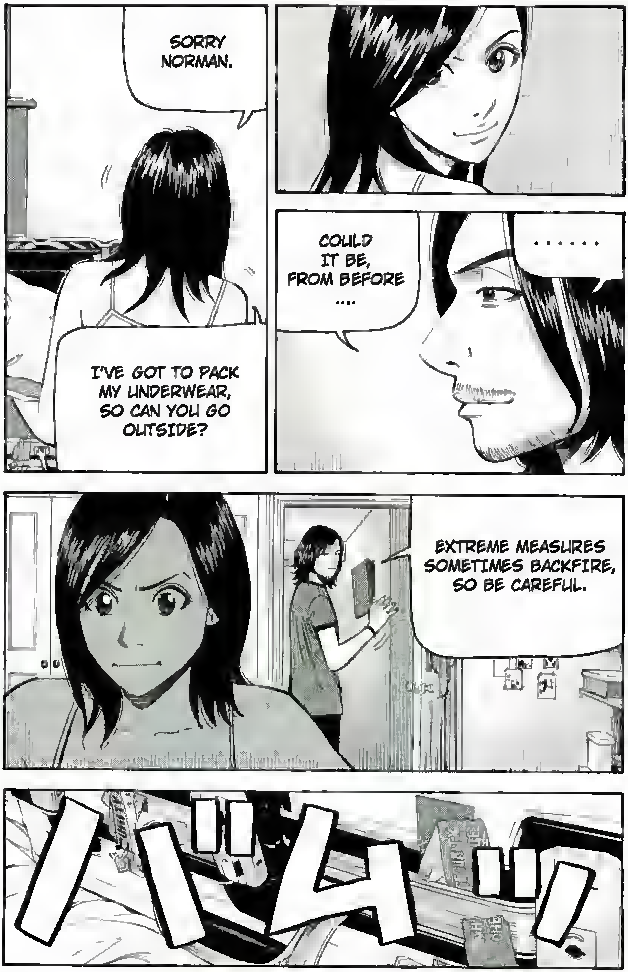
SORRY NORMAN.
I'VE GOT TO PACK MY UNDERWEAR, SO CAN YOU GO OUTSIDE?
COULD IT BE, FROM BEFORE ....
.....
EXTREME MEASURES SOMETIMES BACKFIRE, SO BE CAREFUL.
バタム!!!

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ALRIGHT

NAFFRECORDS

I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO PAY FOR YOU PLANE FAIRE.
OF COURSE IN ECONOMY
REI, I HAVE A PIECE OF NEWS THAT'S NOT SO GOOD.
THANKS PETER. YOU SAVED ME.
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO HATE ENGLAND.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE NEWLY INAUGURATED EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF AVALON FESTIVAL IS TAKING A DRASTIC RELOOK INTO THE BANDS PERFORMING.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW HIM OR NOT, BUT THE NEW PRODUCER IS...
LEON SYKES.
Exactly !!
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